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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1885.

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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Doughty Circus; E. G. BATES & CO., 27, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL BRADON & CO., 150 & 154, Lombard Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDREW PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO, and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore; C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. de CRUZ, Sastre, QUEIROZ & CO., Amy, Wilson, NICHOLLS & CO., Funchal, HIBDE & CO., Novo, MACAO, LIMA, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LIMA, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THAMESIDE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$2,500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors of the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$ 500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON.
Deputy Chairman—A. MOLIN, Esq.
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, M. GOVER, Esq.
H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.
H. E. E. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong,....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER,
Shanghai,.....EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1449

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Underwriters having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to Grant Policies on MAN-
UFACTURES to all parts of the World, at current
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, November 5, 1885. 500

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS OF BROWN, JONES & CO. (Undertake, 6 Queen's Road East), hitherto carried on by E. L. STAINFIELD, was taken over by me on the 1st NOVEMBER, and will continue to be conducted by me under the same Firm name. A PROPERTY and COMMISSION AGENCY has also opened to be conducted under the Name of STEINGER & CO.

H. L. STRINGER,
Hongkong, November 6, 1885. 1937

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary Absence from Hongkong, Mr. GEORG HERMANN ADOLPH BUCKOW will act as Manager of THE MEDICAL HALL.

EMIL NIEDHARDT,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 28, 1885. 2060

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE HONAM will make a TRIP to MACAO and back on SUNDAY, the 6th December, leaving Hongkong at 8.30 a.m., and Macao at 10 p.m.

First Class Fare to Macao and back \$2. No Second Class. Chinese Servants, 50 Cents each way.

Excursions are requested to provide themselves with CASH for the Payment of their Fare, as upon this occasion Chins will not be accepted.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.

By Order,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1885. 2070

In the Matter of the Estate of the late WILLIAM CATHERALL SYDER, Master of the S.S. "Greyhound."

KUHN & Co. beg to announce that all Persons having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the said WILLIAM CATHERALL SYDER, who was murdered by pirates on the 17th Oct. last, 1885, and Letters of Administration, to whose Estate were granted to his Widow, Mary SYDER, on the 13th DAY of NOVEMBER, 1885, are hereby required to send in Writing to the Undersigned, on or before the 16th DAY OF JANUARY next, full Particulars of their CLAIMS or Demands, and all Persons INDEBTED to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to the Undersigned.

And, Notice is hereby given that as soon as possible after the above mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Estate, among the Parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims, of which she shall then have had Notice in writing.

Dated in Hongkong,
the 27th November, 1885.

2063 THOS. M. DERMER.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PLATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 236

HONGKONG RACES, 1886.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND

FRIDAY,

24th, 25th, and 26th February, 1886.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.

THE HONGKONG DERBY, a SWEEP-

STERE, of \$20 each, half forfeit if

declared on or before the date of Closing

Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony and

\$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies a bond

of \$250, and at date of Entry (\$100, TUESDAY,

23rd January, 1886). First Pony, 70 per

cent.; Second Pony, 20 per cent.; Third

Pony, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 10lbs.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE on SATURDAY, 19th December, 1885, addressed to the Clerk of the Course, at the Hongkong Club.

By Order,

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, November 13, 1885. 1976

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are

respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of

the Company's FOREMEN should be at

hand, ready for REPAIRS if sent to the

Hongkong Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found

necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

NOTICE.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

Chromatometer, Watch & Clock Makers,

Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND

METEOROLOGICAL

INSTRUMENTS.

VOLTMETERS, OMEGAS,

BIOMETERS, CIRCUIT TESTERS,

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,

ADMIRALY & IRISH CHARTS,

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English & German Electro-Plated Ware

Christie & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON

Fashions, at very moderate prices.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1458

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW MAKING THEIR GRAND DISPLAY OF
TOYS AND FANCY GOODS,
suitable for
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS,
including—

FRENCH AND ENGLISH DOLLS,
SINGING AND CRYING DOLLS.

CRYING BABIES,
MECHANICAL TOYS,
COMIC A. B. C.'S,
BUILDING BLOCKS,
MOVING FIGURES,
DOLLS' VAULSES,
DOLLS' TROUSSEAU,

PICTURE BLOCKS,
OUT-DOOR GAMES,
FUNNY PUZZLES,

BATTLE-BOATS AND SHUTTLE-COCKS,
MECHANICAL GUITAROS,

MECHANICAL TRAINS AND TRAMS,

DOLLS' CRADLES,
RUBBER TOYS,
LEAD SOLDIERS.

KITCHEN UTENSILS,
DOLLS' HOUSES AND FURNITURE,
DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS,
KALEIDOSCOPES,
CARTS AND WAGONS,
HOBBY HORSES,
ROCKING HORSES,
SWINGING HORSES,
VELOCIPIDES.

THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6972—DECEMBER 1, 1885.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Hesperia*, Captain Möller, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Borda delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m., To-day, the 29th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd December will be subject to rent.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left our Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SLEIMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 25, 1885. 2041

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAIGON.

The Steamship *Triumph* will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 3rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SOY SING.
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2085

NOTICE.

M. R. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES is Admitted PARTNER in our Firm in HONGKONG, CHINA, and elsewhere from this date.

RUSSELL & CO.
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2082

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 30, 1885.—
Wah Yuen, British steamer, 313, J. C. Witt, Hollow November 23, General-CHINESE.

December 1.—
Mclita, German steamer, 339, H. Morck, Fuhong Nov. 23, Pakhoi 27, and Houou 29, General—WILHELM & CO.

Yan Tsu, British str., from Whampoa.

Taitou, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Kuang Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,503, Andrew, Shanghai November 28, General-O. M. S. N. Co.

Douglas, British steamer, 882, M. Young, Foochow November 23, Amoy 27, and Swatow 30, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

City of Rio de Janeiro, American steamer, 3,584 Wm. B. Cobb, San Francisco and Yokohama November 24, Mails & General—P. M. S. S. CO.

Venice, British steamer, 1,275, J. B. Peters, Swatow November 30, General—LIVINGSTON & CO.

Foekien, for Amoy, 50 Chinese.

Emeralda, for Amoy, &c., 5 European, and 100 Chinese.

To Depart.

For Denbigh, for Hoitow, 20 Chinese.

For Gerda, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Wah Yuen reports: Had moderate monsoon and fine clear weather throughout.

The British steamer Kuang Lee reports: Light monsoon and fine weather.

The British steamer Amalda reports: Left Fuchow on the 26th, Amoy on the 27th, and Swatow on the 30th November. Experienced moderate N.E. wind and fine weather. Steamer in Fuchow, Hsien-shin, Amoy, Rakel, Willer, Treze, Dorothy, Galveston, Calissons, Hugo & Otto, Caroline and Christian. Steamers in Swatow, Venice, Phra Khon Kiao, Lido, Nasone, Hidou, Kung-pai, Hydaspe, Quarta and Su Nan-

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILED BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet City of Rio de Janeiro will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Dec., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Pernambuco, &c., which will be closed as follows:

15 P.M.—Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The following decree, issued by President Cleveland from Washington on the 27th October, shows what state the profession of office-hunting is reduced in the United States—

Executive Mansion, October 27, 1885.—For nearly eight months a large share of the time of the President has been devoted to the hearing of applicants for offices and the determination of appointments. Much of this time thus spent has undoubtedly subverted the public good. Some of it has been sacrificed to the indulgence of people in their natural insistence upon useless interviews, and some of it has been unjustifyably wasted. The public welfare and a due regard for the claims of those whose interests in the Government are entirely disengaged with office-holding imperatively demand that in future the time of the President be differently occupied, and he confidently expects that all good citizens will acquiesce in the proposed and reasonable nature of the following plan, adapted to that end.

After the first day of November the President will decline to grant interviews to those seeking public positions or their advocates. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during that month from 10 to 11 in the morning, he will receive such other persons as are on duty at public business, and on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22d, 24th, 26th, 28th, and 30th in the afternoon, he will meet those who merely desire to pay their respects. On all other days and times during that month he will receive only Cabinet officers and the heads of departments.

H. E. Mr Nakamura, Japanese chargé d'affaires in Holland, had an audience of His Majesty the King of Holland on the 29th ultimo, when he presented his credentials. Mr Nakamura delivered the following address:—“His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan has instructed me to reside near the Court of Your Majesty as chargé d'affaires; and further instructed me to communicate to Your Majesty that He prays for the happiness and welfare of Your Majesty, Your Royal Household, and Your people, and hopes that the friendship between Japan and Holland may increase more. I hereby present to Your Majesty the credentials announcing my appointment, and the release from his office of Aoki Shizuo, my predecessor. I think it a great honour to be charged with this mission to Your Majesty, and I shall endeavour to add to the intimacy of the existing relations between the two countries.” In reply His Majesty said:—“It is highly gratifying to me to see you to-day. Is the health of His Majesty your Emperor good? I am sure that the friendship that has existed between the two countries for two or three centuries will grow more and more intimate and cordial.” Afterwards His Majesty the Emperor received Mr Nakamura in audience, and had a short conversation with him. After the ceremony was over the Japanese Minister was escorted to the Legation by officials of the Court.—*Japan Mail*.

The affair at Thannai, the last place occupied by the French in Tonquin, has been accorded an importance in Paris, to judge from an American telegram, which advises received here does not justify. According to reports received here, the place was occupied without the loss of a single man, but from the telegram given below it would appear that the French lost thirteen killed and wounded. It is true that the details of the affair have been kept profoundly secret, more especially to the French paper in Tonquin and its Gallic contemporaries in Saigon, but we are inclined to think that the particulars in the American telegram are partially, at least, imaginary:—

Paris, October 28.—General De Courcy, Commander of the French forces in Annam, telegraphed from Hanoi to the War Office that he had defeated the Black Flags in an engagement. Great enthusiasm arose here over the official announcement of the French success in Annam. Crowds of excited people thronged the boulevards, eagerly discussing the news.

A later despatch received from De Courcy stated that the French troops gained a victory, notwithstanding the enormous superiority in numbers of the Black Flags, and that he inflicted great slaughter upon the enemy. The fighting was severe and lasted three days. The town fought stubbornly, but were completely routed.

General De Courcy says that the army numbered 6,000 men and consisted of Black Flags, Annamites and deserters from the Chinese Army. Three of the chiefs were killed during the engagement and many prisoners were taken by the French force. General Jauneton conducted the operations against the enemy, which resulted in the capture of the strongly fortified town of Than Mai, one of the last and most formidable held by the Black Flags. The French lost thirteen killed and wounded. General Negrier is pursuing the pirates between Bamboo Raids and the canals, in the province of Tonquin.

The addition of a new game bird to the wild fauna of England is an event of rare interest. The pheasant, though familiarised by centuries of care and money, is yet a domesticated foreigner to all intents and purposes; and the blue-turkey introduced to more than one rural estate is a rare and costly quarry. But the tamarind bids fair to become quite another sort of person. This exotic specimen turned loose in April, and multiplying in the hedge-rows and fields to about fifty on thirty in September, became a pestilence altogether unusual in a bird of such merit. In no time it is like a new pheasant, with a short tail like a partridge, decked like a woodcock, singing like an uncommonly fine blackbird, laying eggs of bright purple-blue, glossy as porcupine, and as large as a hen's, and, last but not least, tasting like a landlub. With all these charms, the tamarind would be perfectly justified in a coy refusal to make itself too common by laying more eggs than one. Instead of that, this most wily and toothsome fowl multiplies with all the rapidity apparently of the common, flavourless rabbit. Perhaps it is well for its own sake and its patrons that it does. Bright purple-blue eggs, as large as a hen's, are not likely to escape the attention of the hedge-pushing school-boy, and its system of flight—rising perpendicularly 15 feet, and then flying steadily off—should make the tamarind an easy prey to the most indifferent marksmen. It will take some time, too, before even the most astute of the foreign birds could learn to circumvent the wiles of English stags, sparrow hawks, hen harriers, and weasels, to say nothing of the harmless necessary cat, owl, rat, poacher, bird-nesters, or the ubiquitous omnivorous hedgehog. Crows, jays, and magpies, too, will not reject the tamarind eggs on account of their colour, nor will his musical song assist in concealing his whereabouts. The agitation against the Game Laws continues, moreover, an infinite time for a new game bird to claim legal protection, so that altogether the tamarind's residence in England will be no unpopular one. We hope that he may survive—but we have our doubts.—*Pioneer*.

It is noted as a singular fact in the New York *World* that Chinese domestics have supplanted the female cooks, wash-women and housemaids at West Point. No reason has been given for this action, but with this change from the white women to the coolie was issued an order forbidding cadets to wear white coats and collars. The ways of the official mind which rules West Point are not finding out, so that it is uncertain whether economy or fear for the morals of the cadets has prompted the change. Probably the simple fact is that the servility of the coolie convinces him to the military mind, which has been trained to exact deference from inferiors in rank and from all the ruder herd of civilians, whether they labor with their hands or not.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

Rightly or wrongly, St. Andrew's Day has come to be considered by Scotsmen abroad as a day of rejoicing and mirth-making, and wherever they may be, to the North or South of the Equator, or even on it, the men from the Land of Cakes, Lowlanders and Celts, make common cause to celebrate the occasion with true Scottish heartiness. Here in Hongkong, the celebration has of late years almost invariably taken the form of a ball, through which the Scots were able to extend to that open-handed hospitality which is their greatest pride. The ball last night, though one of many, may very fairly be said to have been the most popular, best attended and the most thoroughly enjoyable ever given by the Scotch community. If, last year, the Scots departed from what has now become a time-honoured custom, last night they fully made up for the retrograde step and casting-vote of 1884; and we trust that the evident pleasure and enjoyment they gave and received will induce them to continue to celebrate St. Andrew's Day in this popular and enjoyable manner. It was noticeable that the ball last night contained more of a national character than usual. There were more kilts worn, the Scotch dances were more extensively patronised and enthusiastically danced, and the decorations were, if anything, more distinctly national; real mountain heather freely abounded, the haggis was particularly well favoured and was in consequence greatly relished; in fact, everything connected with the ball had so decided a Scottish element in it that there could be no mistaking who were the hosts, and what was the celebration. The number of guests invited was larger than it has ever been before, nearly 1,000 invitations having been sent out. All those invited, of course, did not take advantage of this opportunity, but at the least we should say that in the earlier part of the evening about 800 persons were present. Among those were representatives of nearly every grade of our mixed foreign community, from H. E. the Governor downwards. There was, as usual, a large attendance of naval and military officers, among the former being officers from the Agamemnon, Audacious, and other British men-of-war in port, and *La Géographe*, Turenne, and other vessels. Among the distinguished guests present were their Excellencies the Governor (Sir George Bowen) and Vice-Admiral Hamilton and others.

About twenty minutes past nine, H. E. the Governor, accompanied by H. E. Vice-Admiral Hamilton, arrived at the Hall, and were received by the Honourable P. Ryrie, H. E. Major-General Cameron and the other stewards. Proceeded by the pipers, who played a stirring Highland march, the Company proceeded upstairs to the Ball Room, where, after a short interval, the first dance of the evening, a quadrille, was gone through, the Hon. P. Ryrie with Miss Bowen, and the Governor with Mrs Cameron leading off the set. At the commencement of the proceedings the St. George's Hall was rather uncomfortably crowded, and the enjoyment of the dancers, especially in the reels and strathspeys, thereby considerably marred. This crushing might have been easily avoided, for while the St. George's Hall was crowded, St. Andrew's Hall, the room which ought to have been prepared, was utterly deserted. Later on, however, the dances were more equally distributed, and the dancing was consequently more enjoyable. The music for the reels and strathspeys was provided by two pipers belonging to the Police Force, Sergeant Angus Mann, and Constable Beaton, and their playing gave the liveliest satisfaction and more than once created the greatest enthusiasm among the Scots, whose energetic and sprightly dancing created no little astonishment among those uninformed in the mysteries of the dance. The music for the other dances was supplied by the Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment, under Bandmaster Moran, and the opinion was unanimous that it was capitally played both as to time and correctness. The success of the ball was amply proved by the fact that the whole programme of twenty-one dances, published further on, was gone through, as well as several extras, without any apparent staging, and it was not until some time after supper that the attendance showed any signs of diminution. At the conclusion of the evening dance, an adjournment was made for supper. This was provided in the Theatre, the pit and dress circle being filled respectively by Messrs Dobree and Hing Kee. About \$70 sat down to the first table, and we must congratulate both Stewards and caterers on the excellent nature of the viands and the admirable way in which the

supper was served. Supper having been done full justice to, dancing was resumed, and, as we have already said, was maintained with great vigour until the finish of the programme about half-past three. Long after this hour, however, the fun was kept up fast and furiously by some of the younger and more enthusiastic of the male members of the party, and after a most entertaining exhibition of sword dancing by several skilled dancers, killed and otherwise, the company, headed by the Band of the Regiment, marched round St. George's Hall to the tune of “Auld Lang Syne.” Not long after, the bulk of the party departed.

The decorations, always a work of considerable difficulty and requiring the exercise of taste and ingenuity, were this year more effective than usual. The hearty Gaelic greeting “A hundred thousand welcomes,” traced by means of frosted lamps, was the only outward decoration, if decoration it might be called; but inside there were many novelties, and they were very complete. The Entrance Hall and stairs were as usual richly dressed with flowering plants in pots, and were this year made more brilliant by three of the new Wenzel patent lamps. At the head of the first landing a striking and most effective picture was presented. In the central window space was placed an immense trophy, consisting of a huge two-handed sword, such as, if we are to believe tradition, were used by our forefathers in the misty past, and an equally huge claymore or broadsword on either side of it, resting on an appropriate ground work of tartan. Beneath, and extending to the other side of the landing to the other was a broad band of green leaves, in which was placed, in silver letters, the word “Caledonia,” so suggestive to the minds of Scotsmen. Beneath, fronting the top of the stairs, was a handsome large-mirrored mirror, surrounded by a beautiful array of pot plants. The effect of the central picture was much enhanced by the presence in the side windows of large shields with the St. Andrew's Cross and the thistle traced in silver. Huge thistles adorned the side walls. With regard to the decorations of the Halls, it was particularly noticeable that though they were not heavy or rich in their character, they were such as to leave no blank spaces on any part of the walls. It is needless to describe them in detail; suffice it to say that they were national in character, cymores, tarlans, battle axes and Gaelic mottoes abounding, and remarkably pretty. Saint Andrew, evidently refurbished, looked on with kindly eyes from the top of St. Andrew's Hall, and in the other hall, the Scottish arms and the crest of the St. Andrew's Society, each graced an end. In the Thakore, the decorations were all appropriate and effective. A miniature fountain and artistically arranged plants and flowers, assisted by the scenery, made the page look very attractive. Another novelty in the decorations were frosted lamps with the St. Andrew's Cross and flower marks on them. These were throughout the building, and lent great attraction to the scene.

It now only remains for us to speak of the part played by the gentlemen who organised and carried through the ball. We can only do so in terms of praise. Some are old hands at the work; some are new; but whether now or old, they one and all worked with enthusiasm for the great success which they undeniably attained. Mr D. H. Mackintosh, the Honorary Secretary, deserves particular credit for the manner in which he undertook and executed duties wholly new to him, and may flatter himself that he has earned the gratitude not only of his brother Scots, but of the entire community. We hope to be able to chronicle many of the details of the balls of the same successful character.

During the night the Stewards of the Society here exchanged congratulatory messages with the brethren in Shanghai, where St. Andrew's Day was also being celebrated by Ball.

The following is the programme:—

1.—Quadrille..... Edinburgh.
2.—Reel and Reel..... London.
3.—Waltz..... Bid me Good-bye.
4.—Polska..... See-saw.
5.—Highland Schottische..... My Country.
6.—Waltz..... Gretchen.
7.—Waltz..... Fairies.
8.—Calot..... Calot.
9.—Strathspey and Reel..... The Queen.
10.—Reel..... Queen Victoria.
11.—Galop..... Let us be joyful.

Supper.

12.—Reel..... Queen Victoria.
13.—Waltz..... See-saw.
14.—Waltz..... Clusters.
15.—Highland Schottische..... Frederica.
16.—Waltz..... Isle of Bats.
17.—Calot..... Our Last.
18.—Reel..... Queen Victoria.

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The arrangements were in the hands of the following Committees:—

Decorations—Messrs Hugh McCallum (Convenor) J. H. Ferguson, R. N., D. Gilchrist, G. C. Anderson, J. W. Boyd, A. R. Westland, J. Gow, and Major Cochran.

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Dance Committee—For reel practice and music Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs D. H. Mackintosh (convenor), J. MacGregor, Hugh McCallum, H. M. Skene, and Capt. Lyall.

LORD LORNE ARRIVED.

London, October 24th.—It is now evident

that the Parliamentary session will not pass off without serious rioting in certain quarters, as the party feeling, which already runs high, daily grows more bitter.

The Marquis of Lorne, Liberal candidate for Hampstead, went to Brighton to seven miles west of London. He delivered a campaign speech, and while addressing the electors a mob assailed him, shouting the plaid, and smashed the platform, and soon got hold of his hat and overcoat. The supporters of the Marquis rushed to his rescue, and a general混戰 ensued. The noble Lord, however, became so thoroughly frightened that, hastily departing from the scene, ran through the streets in a drenching rain to reach the railway station, and immediately departed for London. Meanwhile the fighters, they decided to adopt another means of taking his life. For two weeks detectives have been watching every move made by the conspirators, and on Saturday afternoon they had such a strong case against the woman that they decided to arrest her. The police are hard at work collecting evidence, and very startling developments are expected.

Boston, October 24th.—The alleged murder conspiracy between Boston and Baltimore parties started this afternoon to be a quiet scheme to blackmail a sorrow-stricken family. The story, as it now stands, is that Mrs Coolidge, knowing of a plot to kidnap the son of a wealthy Molineau of Baltimore, conspired with James Donahue, alias John Bull, to get money out of Mr Molineau. Then it is related that John Cobb got wind of the affair, and, to curry favor from the police, informed them of the plot. But John Bull shot Cobb, and to save himself, went to police headquarters and told the whole story. Then came a meeting between ‘John Bull’ and Mrs Coolidge, at which inspectors were present, but unseen, and during which Mrs Coolidge talked freely, supposing ‘John Bull’ was still acting squarely with her. John B. Hebron, who was to-day appointed counsel for Mrs Coolidge, said that the absence of consent of the father did not make the act a crime if the mother’s consent had been given without misrepresentation or fraud.

Beard then addressed the jury in behalf

of himself and the other defendants. His argument was on the basis that the and justified the means.

The Court then adjourned.

GREAT DISASTER ON THE COAST OF LABRADOR.

Halifax, October 25th.—A despatch re-

ceived to-day from St. John’s, N. B., says

a great storm raged off the coast of Labrador on the 13th instant, doing immense

damage among the fishing fleet. Eight

vessels were wrecked or driven ashore,

and at least seventy men from the ships

were lost in the waves.

The survivors are in a destitute condition.

Steamers will be immediately dispatched to the scene of the disaster with provisions, clothing and other comforts for the castaways.

St. John’s, October 25th.—The hurricane that raged on the Labrador coast was unprecedented even in that inclement region. Over seventy vessels and 300 lives were lost.

The bark Nelly has just arrived with 260

shipwrecked men, women and children

rescued from the waves. Several women

died from exposure and others were

drown. One thousand persons are

estimated as stranded on the coast. Five

steamer have been dispatched to their assistance. The worst is not yet known.

SUNDAY THEATRE CLOSED.

Montreal, October 27th.—The Law and

Order League of this city has begun an

effort to compel the theatres to cease giving performances on Sunday. They

have appealed to the managers last

week, but all of the theatres were open

last Sunday. Yesterday, they caused a

meeting between ‘John Bull’ and Mrs

Coolidge, at which inspectors were present.

The Chinese invaded Bulgaria.

New York, October 24.—A Times Ottawa

special says: Word has been received

here that the Chinese who were recently

driven out of Seattle have settled them-

selves in the closest of the wealthy Molineau

of Baltimore, conspired with James

Donahue, alias John Bull, to get money

out of Mr Molineau. Then it is related

that they acknowledged the prin-

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